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Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S5717-S5891

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 915-928, S. Res. 100-101, and S. Con. Res. 33. **Pages S5790-91**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 924, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 1998 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces. (S. Rept. No. 105-29) **Page S5790**

Measures Passed:

Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act: Committee on Foreign Relations was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1757, to consolidate international affairs agencies and to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and related agencies for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 and, by 90 yeas to 5 nays (Vote No. 105), the bill was then passed, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 903, Senate companion measure, after taking action on further amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 101), DeWine/Graham Modified Amendment No. 383, to deny entry to the United States to Haitians who have been credibly alleged to have ordered, carried out, or sought to conceal extrajudicial killings.

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By a unanimous vote of 96 yeas (Vote No. 103), Bennett Amendment No. 392, to express the sense of the Senate on enforcement of the Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 with respect to the acquisition by Iran of C-802 cruise missiles.

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Sarbanes Modified Amendment No. 393, to strike those provisions limiting funding for U.S. memberships in international organizations and requiring withdrawal from organizations which exceed that limitation.

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Inouye Modified Amendment No. 376, to authorize funds for the Center for Cultural and Technical Interchange between East and West.

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Smith (of Oregon)/Thomas Amendment No. 396, to express the sense of the Senate on the persecution of Christian minorities in the People's Republic of China.

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Hutchison Amendment No. 397, to express the sense of the Congress that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization should consider a formal dispute resolution process.

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Helms/Biden Amendment 399, to make technical and clerical corrections.

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Helms (for Murkowski/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 400, relating to the Japan-United States Friendship Commission.

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Helms (for Murkowski/Rockefeller) Amendment No. 401, to express the sense of the Senate on the use of funds in the Japan-United States Friendship Trust Fund.

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Helms (for Graham/McCain) Amendment No. 402, to express the sense of the Congress that aviation safety be placed on the agenda for the Summit of the Americas to be held in Santiago, Chile, in March 1998.

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Helms (for Abraham) Amendment No. 403, to express the sense of the Senate regarding United States policy toward the People's Republic of China.

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Helms (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 404, to express the sense of the Senate encouraging programs by the National Endowment for Democracy regarding the rule of law in China.

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Helms (for D'Amato) Amendment No. 405, to express the sense of the Senate concerning the Palestinian Authority.

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Helms (for Hollings/Murray) Amendment No. 406, to provide funds for renovation and construction of housing at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing and the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai, China.

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Helms (for Feingold) Amendment No. 407, to provide for an independent Inspector General for the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

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Helms (for Grams/Wellstone) Amendment No. 408, to assist victims of torture by providing funding for the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture.

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Helms (for McCain) Amendment No. 409, to clarify that unmarried adult children of Vietnamese re-education camp internees are eligible for refugee status in the Orderly Departure Program.

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Helms (for Coverdell/Kerry) Amendment No. 410, to facilitate the counterdrug and anti-crime activities of the Department of State.

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Helms (for Feinstein/Sarbanes) Amendment No. 411, to clarify section 1166, relating to the inadmissibility of aliens supporting international child abductors.

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Rejected:

By 25 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 102), Lugar Amendment No. 382, relating to the payment of United Nations arrearages without conditions.

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By 21 yeas to 74 nays (Vote No. 104), Feingold/Harkin/Wyden Amendment No. 395, regarding international broadcasting.

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Withdrawn:

Enzi Amendment No. 394, to limit the use of United States funds for certain activities by the United States and affiliated organizations.

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Murkowski Amendment No. 398, to establish within the Department of State the position of Coordinator of Taiwan Affairs for the coordination of United States Government activities relating to the American Institute on Taiwan.

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Subsequently, S. 903 was returned to the Senate calendar.

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Authorizing Senate Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 101, to authorize representation of Members, officers, and an employee of the Senate in the case of *Douglas R. Page v. Richard Shelby, et al.*

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Denver Summit of Eight: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 81, expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the political and economic importance of the Denver summit of Eight and commending the State

of Colorado for its outstanding efforts toward ensuring the success of this historic event, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Shirley Robinson Watkins, of Arkansas, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Food, Nutrition, and Consumer Services.

49 Army nominations in the rank of general.

Routine lists in the Army and Air Force.

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Communications:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total–105) Pages S5733, S5734, S5741–42, S5749, S5765.

Recess: Senate convened at 10 a.m., and recessed at 7:06 p.m., until 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 18, 1997. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S5890–91.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

HOUSING REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Housing Opportunity and Community Development concluded hearings on S. 513, to reform the multifamily rental assisted housing programs of the Federal Government, and maintain the affordability and availability of low-income housing, after receiving testimony from Andrew M. Cuomo, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Wisconsin Governor Tommy G. Thompson, Madison, on behalf of the National Governors' Association; James Logue III, Michigan State Housing Agency, Lansing, on behalf of the National Council of State Housing Builders; John Koelemij, Tallahassee, Florida, on behalf of the National Association of Home Builders; Albert A. Walsh, New York Housing Conference, New York, New York; James R. Grow, Oakland, California, on behalf of the National Housing Law Project; Mary Yeaton, Boston, Massachusetts, on behalf of the National Alliance of HUD Tenants; and Shekar Narasimhan, Washington Mortgage Financial Group, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America.